# ON THE NAVAL BILL

Consideration of Estimates Resumed by the House.

SENATE MEETS EARLY

QUAY STATEHOOD RESOLUTION GOES OVER UNTIL TOMORROW.

Conference Report on the Legislative Bill Adopted—Executive Session on Canal Treaty.

Withwout preliminary business the House today proceeded with the consideration of the naval appropriation bill.

When the House adjourned yesterday the paragraph relating to the increase of the personnel of the navy had been reached. To this an amendment was offered, wnich was defeated, to provide that the graduates of state nautical schools standing highest in their classes should be appointed midshipmen.

An amendment was offered by Mr. Perkins (N. Y.) to make volunteer officers who served in the Marine Corps during the war with Spain eligible to appointment as captains on the Marine Corps staff. He said there were but two officers who would be eligible under this amendment. It was

An amendment was adopted giving members of the House whose districts are not now represented at the Naval Academy the privilege of immediately appointing to fill such vacancies.

Mr. Kitchen (N. C.) offered an amendment

to limit the increase of midshipmen to be appointed to two for each senator and representative between new and 1911. It was lost, 76 to 63.

Mr. Fitzgerald (N. Y.) moved to increase

the number of chaplains from twenty-four to thirty-four. His motion was lost. Expulsion for Hazing.

Mr. Dick (Ohio) offered an amendment, which was adopted, to provide for the summary expulsion of a naval cadet found guilty of hazing.

#### SENATE.

The Senate met at 11 o'clock today. Bills were passed authorizing the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to construct a bridge across the Allegheny river near Aspinwall, Pa.; authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue a patent to the city of Buffalo, Wyo., for certain tracts of land; to refer to the Court of Claims the claim in connection with the construction of the ironclad monitor Tunxis.

The Quay resolution declaring it to be the sense of the Senate that a vote on the statehood bill be taken prior to March 2, went over until tomorrow.

A House bill was passed providing for the payment of claims of citizens of Virginia for damages to their property inci-dent to the encampment at Manassas and on the march from Camp Alger to Thor-oughfare Gap, Va., during the war with

House bills also were passed amending the pension laws applying to remarried widows; authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Tennessee river between Lewis Biuff and Guntersville, Ala. The conference report on the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill

A bill was passed referring to the Court of Claims the claim of the contractor for the The bill making Sabine Pass a port of entry in Texas, which has caused considerable discussion in the Senate heretofore. was considered for a time. On motion of Mr. Bailey the bill was amended so as to

apply to Texas only.

Mr. Hanna moved to refer the bill back to the committee on commerce, but the motion was defeated, 31 to 32. The bill went over without action, when, on motion of Mr. Cullom, the Senate, at 12:20, went into executive session to consider the Coombian canal treaty.

# COURT-MARTIAL ORDERED.

Lieut. Chester Wells Charged With "Reprehensible Neglect."

Secretary Moody has rejected in part the findings of the court of inquiry appointed by him to investigate the conditions under which the naval tug Leyden was cast away on the south coast of Block Island, January 21, during a dense fog and heavy sea. The Secretary, in his indorsement upon the report of the proceedings, recalls the fact that it was found by the court "that there was reprehensible neglect in not getting soundings, and that this neglect is especially noticeable in not getting soundings when in plain sight of Montauk Point. A sounding at this time would have been of great assistance. and of greater accuracy than the one adopted in estimating the distance by eye

The court found that no one was at fault except the commanding officer, but it al-luded to his trying position and his admirable conduct after the grounding. recommended that he be given a letter of reprimand, and that no further proceedings Secretary Moody disapproved the last part

of the findings and directed the trial by court-martial of Lieut. Chester Wells, saying that in his judgment "reprehensil neglect" should not end except with the judgment of a court-martial.

# LACKED ONLY TWO VOTES.

#### Addicks Got Eighteen on the Ballots Cast Today. Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

DOVER, Del., February 19.-Twenty votes would have elected two United States senators in the joint session of the legislature today, but the axiom, "A miss is as good as a mile," was again applicable. Only forty-five members of the general assembly were in attendance, seven being absent or paired and the voting was hur-ried in order that the legislators could embark on a special train for a trip to Rehoboth and Lewes, at mouth of the

Delaware bay.

The senatorial vote accordingly showed no material change.

The twenty-sixth ballot for United States

senator resulted:
Long term—Addicks, 13; H. A. Dupont,
8; ex-Senator Higgins, 2; Edward D.
Hearne (Dem.), 17. Short term-Addicks, 18; ex-Senator Hig-gins, 8; H. A. Richardson, 2; J. Harvey Whiteman (dem.), 17.

No election. State Senator Sparks (reg. rep.) inaugurated a plan after the result of the vote was announced today that will prevent any advantage being taken by the subsequent

absence of members.

He moved that hereafter the pairs be announced before the taking of the two bal-lots. State Senator Allee, the Addicks leader, seconded the motion, and it was carried.

The regular republicans and the democrats are prepared to leave the joint session be learned that enough of their members were absent and not paired to permit the union republicans to have a ma-jority to elect senators.

# RESCUED FROM ICY DEATH.

Steamer Collides With Schooner and Saves Crew of Latter. ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., February 19 .-

The steamer Goldsboro, Philadelphia for

New York, collided with a four-masted

schooner off Little Egg Harbor life-saving station today. The schooner sank in a few minutes. It is thought the Goldsboro rescued the crew of the schooner.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., February 19.-A report received here from Little Egg Har-bor says that boats were lowered from the Goldsboro after the collision and the crew

NOVEL WAY OF STOPPING DE-BATE ON BILL.

Senate Chamber — Janitor Caught in Act.

HELENA, Mont., February 19 .- A most exciting scene occurred in the senate champer last night and a riot was almost precipitated when some one cut the electric wire leading into the capitol building for the purpose, it is charged, of stopping debate on a bill under discussion

After the break had been repaired, Senator Kennedy charged that Janitor Curtis, who, it is said, was caught in the act. had been ordered to cut the wires by senators favoring the bill

To Prevent a Vote.

The senate was in committee of the whole and had under discussion a bill providing for a change of venue in civil cases. This bill, which is said to have a good majority in the senate, has been bitterly fought by the Heinz people.

To prevent a vote being taken Senators
Kennedy and Tewey, Heinz leaders, asserted that they would occupy all night, and from 4 o'clock in the afternoon till 2

o'clock this morning they alternated on At 2 o'clock the senate adjourned.

#### ANXIETY FOR THE ALEXANDER. Naval Collier Has Been Helplessly Adrift for Ten Days.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. PORTSMOUTH, - Va., February 19 .-There is great anxiety at the navy yard for the safety of the collier Alexander,

which is long overdue. Capt. Gove is well known here, having been master of the yard's vessels for years, His wife lives in Norfolk, and the suspense and anxiety are telling upon her. The Alexander has been adrift at sea helpless for nearly ten days.

The Navy Department rests easy in the belief that she is in the track of the shipping and will be towed in speedily. There is enough to eat aboard and the

ship can make her own fresh water with her condensers, but the injury to her rudder, it is feared, will cause her to fare badly in a storm.

It is probably that the tail of the terrific blow of Monday night struck her, but, with the sail Capt. Gove had made before Officer Adamson left the ship, it is believed she could weather the blow. The navy people at this yard try to take the most cheerful view of the matter. The revenue cutters and perhaps another naval vessel will be sent to join in the search.

### BARON WOUNDED IN DUEL.

#### Refused to Allow Age to Stand in Way of Accepting Challenge.

BUDAPEST, February 19 .- A duel with swords was fought today between Baron Fejervary, minister of national defense, and Deputy Lengyal, as a result of the dispute in the Hungarian chamber Tuesday, when the minister called the deputy a liar.

Baron Fejervary was slightly wounded three times in the right hand. The baron, who is over seventy years old, declined to refuse to accept the challenge on the score of his age.

# IN WESTERN MARYLAND.

Ten Below Zero in Some Places and Much Suffering Results.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. HAGERSTOWN, Md., February 19.-Rethat the temperature went down to 10 degrees below zero in some parts of western Maryland this morning.

The lowest registered in Hagerstown was degrees below. Many thermometers registered zero. Last night was the coldest in a number of years.

As a result of the intense cold there is much suffering, many families being without sufficient fuel to keep them warm. County roads are drifted shut, and in a number of places men put to work to shovel open the drifts were compelled to stop on eccount of the cold.

#### DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND. Annual Encampment Grand Army of Republic at Hagerstown.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. HAGERSTOWN, Md., February 19.-The annual encampment of the Department of Maryland, G. A. R., opened in Junior Hall this afternoon and will continue in session until tomorrow evening.

Department Commander John W. Worth of Baltimore is the presiding officer. At the annual election tomorrow the indications point to the selection of Capt. William Staple of Wilson Post, Baltimore,

as department commander. So far as known he is the only available candidate for the office. The session this afternoon was taken up with the consideration of reports and appointment of com-

### BULL DOGS FOR CRIMINALS. Virginia Senate Considers Bill to Aid

#### Sheriffs. Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. RICHMOND, Va., February 19.-The sen-

te was engaged today for half an hour in considering the bill to provide for the raising of bloodhounds to be used by the sheriffs in tracking persons charged with crime. The bill was advocated by Senator Hobbs. its patron. Senator Opie of Staunton favored an amendment to include buildogs, saying the bloodhounds could catch criminals, but bulldogs were necessary to hold them. The bill was engrossed.

# TWO BURNED TO DEATH.

#### Eighteen Narrowly Escaped Similar Fate in Fire on Schooner. BOSTON, February 19 .- Fire which start-

ed early today in the cabin of the fishing schooner Gertrude, lying at her wharf, burned to death two of her crew.

Fighteen others narrowly escaped.

The flames were extinguished before the vessel had been damaged greatly.

#### Young Rockefeller at Old Point. pecial Dispatch to The Evening Star.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., February 19.-John D. Rockefeller, jr., wife and party arrived here this morning from Washington on the private car Atlanta, belonging to George Gould, and went to Old Point. Mr. Rockefeller visited the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, presumably in connection with aid that his father will extend. This afternoon he will go to Richmond, and from there to Asheville, N. C., to join his father for a southern tour.

#### To Examine Faith Curists. Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

RICHMOND, Va., February 19.-The bill requiring osteopathists, faith-curists, healers and Christian Scientists to stand an examination before the state board of medical

examiners will be discussed in the senate February 27. The bill provides severe pen-alties for violators. Relief for Scandinavians. STOCKHOLM, February 19 .- The central relief committee has forwarded to the governor of the province of Westerbotten, to

WEATHER BUREAU PREDICTS RABLY RISE IN TEMPERATURE.

Riot Almost Precipitated in Montana | Encouraging Reports Given Out This Afternoon - Violations of the Snow Law.

> The reign of the storm king and old Boreas is at last coming to a close, and within the next twenty-four hours both will abdicate in favor of old Sol. This prediction is based upon reports from the weather bureau late this afternoon. At 8 o'clock this morning the mercury registered 4 degrees above zero, one degree higher than it was yesterday morning. Although this was ncouraging, the slight difference was imperceptible, and many declared that it was

> even colder this morning. The weather will continue to be fair, with a gradually rising temperature from now on, and as far as Chief Moore of the weather bureau can foretell there will be no more severe weather for several days at least. At 8 o'clock tomorrow morning the mer-cury will in all probability register 10 deabove zero, with a continued rise grees above zer during the day.

#### Car Service but Little Impeded.

The street car service of the city was but little impeded by the ice in the streets today, and the schedule of all the lines was maintained. The cars had many mishaps yesterday and last evening as a result of the ice. A plow of one of the motor cars of the F street line burnt out near the Baltimore and Ohio depot about 5:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon, causing con-siderable excitement and delaying the service for some time. For a time it looked as if the car would be totally destroyed, the flames from the underground electric rails shooting several feet in the air.

The "seeing Washington" car became unmanageable while rounding the curve at

11th and F streets about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, as a result of ice-clogged tracks, and made a wild dash for the immense show window of the Moses establishment. The motorman threw on the brakes, thus preventing the rear truck of the car from leaving the tracks. The front truck of the car did, however, get over on to the east-bound tracks, blockading the line for some time. The crew of the "hurry-up wagon" was enlisted and the car was finally righted

and traffic resumed.

Assistant City Solicitor Pugh and others at the Police Court are busily engaged today in issuing warrants against property owners and householders throughout the city for neglecting to remove the snow which fell Monday night from the pave-ments adjoining their houses and lots. Over two hundred informations had been issued by noon, and it is probable that the number will be greatly increased by the time court closes, at 4 o'clock this afternoon. James C. Robinson of 1800 Florida avenue appeared in court to answer to a charge of violating the snow law, and Judge Scott, after hearing the facts, imposed a fine of 1. which was paid. Rebecca Chandeler, 1736 18th street north west, forfeited \$1 collateral on a similar

# PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS.

#### Selections for Justices—Promotions in the Army.

The following nominations were sent to

the Senate today: Justice-To be associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, William R. Day of Ohio; to be United States circuit judge for the sixth judicial circuit, John K. Richards of Ohio; to be solicitor general, Henry M. Hoyt of Pennsylvania; to be United States district judge for the district of Minnesota, Page Morris of Minnesota. Army promotions—Ordnance department: Lieutenant colonels to be colonels, Frank

H. Phipps and James W. Reilly; majors to be lieutenant colonels. John Pitman and ports from the mountain districts indicate | Charles Shaler; captains to be majors, Orin B. Mitcham and Henry D. Borup. Medical department: Assistant surgeons with rank of first lieutenant, Charles F. Craig, Conneoticut, and William P. Banta, Kentucky. To be captain-First Lieut. Samuel Hof.

To be first lieutenants, cavalry arm-Sec ond Lieut. Jens E. Stedje, 4th Cavalry; Second Lieut. John E. Hemphill, 3d Cavalry.

To be captain, infantry arm—Chauncey S. Humphrey, 17th Infantry.
To be first lleutenant—Second Lieut. Don-To be first lieutenant—Second Lieut. Don-ald C. McClelland, 18th Infantry.

Treasury: To be passed assistant sur-geons in the public health and marine hos-

pital service—Assistant Surgeon John F. Anderson of Virginia, Assistant Surgeon Rudolph H. von Endorf of the District of Columbia, Assistant Surgeon Horman B. Parker of Pennsylvania.

Postmasters: California—Geo. F. Hirsch, Long Beach. Connecticut—Chas. A. Keyes, Southington. Illinois—Isaac Newland, Colchester. Kansas-David J. Keller, National Military Home; J. H. Buckman, Lyndon. Michigan—Geo. Barle, Pinconning. Minne-

Samuel J. Wilson, Macon. New Hamp-shire—Walter W. Mason, Plymouth; Natt A. Cram, Pittsfield. New York—Chauncey F. Argersinger, Albany; Alfred G. Boshart, Lowville: Horace L. Burrill, Weedsport. North Carolina—Wm. H. Cooper, Laurin-burg; Alexander M. Long, Rockingham. Ohio—Otis T. Locke, Tiffin. Pennsylvania— Moses A. Foltz, Chambersburg; Joseph H. Downing, East Dowington; Wm. W. Kamble, Tidloute; Wm. T. Dantz, West Grove Tennessee—James M. Pardue, Sweetwater Texas—J. Allen Myers, Bryan. Wisconsin— Cyrus C. Glass, River Falls.

### CURRENCY FOR PHILIPPINES. House Insular Affairs Committee to

#### Meet Tomorrow. At a meeting of the republican members of the House committee on insular affairs

today it was decided to call a meeting of the full committee for tomorrow, when the course to be pursued with reference to the Senate Philippine currency bill will be de-

There is some objection to the Patterson amendment to the Senate bill, providing for an international commission to devise universal gold standard for the purpose of international exchange.

A motion may be made in the House after the committee meeting tomorrow to concur in all but this feature of the bill.

# ON THE POST OFFICE BILL.

Omnibus Provision for Statehood Reported as a Rider to the Senate.

The Senate committee on post offices and post roads yesterday completed its considerstion of the post office appropriation bill and Senator Mason, chairman of the committee, reported the bill to the Senate. In addition to the amendment providing from the admission of Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico as states, there were other changes relating to the conduct of the Post Office Department. The statehood amendment is somewhat different from the statehood bill, as Arizona is the first of the territories mentioned in the amendment, whereas it is the last mentioned in the bill. The transposition was made in order to give Arizona the benefit of the first vote in case of a division of the question.

# COAL STRIKE COMMISSION.

Reconvening of the Members in This City.

The anthracite coal strike commission met here this afternoon to begin the work of formulating their conclusions and framing their report. All the members of the commission were present, Chairman Gray arriving half an hour late, owing to a railroad delay.

The meeting was held in the interstate commerce commission building.

# Escalon Declared President

PANAMA, February 19.—Pedro Jose Escalon has been declared elected president

# CUT ELECTRIC WIRES BUT LITTLE MORE COLD MR.QUAYSFILIBUSTER

Claims He is a Victim of Sharp Practice.

# PANAMACANALTREATY

DELAYED BY READING CONSTITU-TION OF COLOMBIA.

Believed This is to Force an Agreement for a Vote on His Statehood Bill.

A new turn was given affairs in the Senate today in connection with the Panama canal treaty, which at this writing confronts the republican managers with a rather serious situation. Senator Quay, the leader of the statehood fight, commenced a filibuster this morning against the Panama canal treaty. His manner and method indicated determination upon his part to make a fight of it. Senator Quay is believed to be doing this in order to force an agree-

ment for a vote on his statehood bill. When the Senate went into executive session today, meeting an hour earlier than usual, it was supposed that Senator Morgan would continue his speech against the treaty, and would be the sole obstructor of the pending proceedings for ratification. To the surprise of the republican managers, however, Senator Quay took the floor, his desk loaded with a formidable pile of docu-ments, and began his filibustering by having the clerk read the constitution of Co-

#### Victim of Sharp Practice.

It is said that Senator Quay claimed in conversation with his colleagues that he felt himself the victim of sharp practice in the caucus last Tuesday night, when he agreed to withhold the statehood bill in order that the Panama treaty might be pushed. He claimed that he entered into pushed. He claimed that he entered into that agreement upon the strength of representations made to him by republican senators in charge of the business of the Senate that the option of this government upon the Panama property was in imminent danger of expiring, involving possible embarrassment in a new deal for control of the property. Senator Quay, it is said, pointed out that the newspapers the next day published the text of the communication of the Secretary of State to the Pantion of the Secretary of State to the Pan-ama company, which would indicate that the danger of expiration of the option had been obviated and that there was no necessity for immediate action upon the canal

Senator Quay's change of front was a complete surprise to the republican managers and caused a number of earnest conferences to be held at once. In the meantime the clerk droned out the uninteresting details of the Colombian constitution, and Senator Morgan leaned back in his chair, it is said, the picture of contentment and gratification at the prospect of the redoubt-able Pennsylvania senator coming to his

The first question the republican man-agers desire to clear up is to what extent agers desire to clear up is to what extent the statehood forces back of Mr. Quay will support him in his proposed filibuster against the Panama treaty, if indeed he is earnest in such a filibuster. It is known that the democrats, with possibly three exceptions—Messrs. Morgan, Pettus and Teller—are unanimous for closing the Panama deal and endeavoring to get the canal started. It is said that a canvass was immediately commenced to ascertain how far the democrats in favor of the canal may sustain Mr. Quay. The next question is whether the republicans in Mr. Quay's statehood column will withdraw from the agreement they made in Tuesday night's caucus and join Mr. Quay in filibustering.

### The Extra Session Threat.

Another interesting feature was added to the legislative situation in the Senate when word was passed around emanating from the White House that the President would call a special session of the Senate unless the Cuban reciprocity treaty shall be ratified at this session. The feeling had been growing in the Senate that if the President should be given his anti-trust legislation and ratification of the Panama treaty he would not call the Senate back in special session for Cuba. The statement was freely circulated about the Senate today upon the circulated about the Senate today upon the authority of the President that he would insist upon ratification of the Cuban treaty, and that if the pressure of other business should prevent such action at this session he would ask the Senate to remain after the 4th of March and close up that treaty.

The opposition to the Cuban treaty is

open on the democratic side and exists, although in a veiled form, in certain republican quarters. It is said that some democrats who favor the Panama treaty would crats who favor the Panama treaty would join Mr. Quay in his present filibuster if they thought that by so doing they could keep back the Cuban reciprocity treaty if there would be no special session on the latter. If the President makes it plain, however, that he will have a special session for Cuba these democrats will not have an incentive to aid Mr. Quay in filibustering against the Panama treaty bustering against the Panama treaty.

# MEET AGAIN

#### RECONVENTION OF JOINT HIGH COMMISSION.

It is learned that Senator Fairbanks addressed Sir Wilfrid Laurier respecting a reconvention of the joint high commission, as reported in the Canadian dispatches, in pursuance of the program outlined when the Alaskan boundary treaty was ratified. Sir Wilfrid and Senator Fairbanks are the chairmen of the joint commission, and when that body adjourned in 1900 it was with the understanding that it could be reconvened only by agreement of the two chairmen. Senator Fairbanks was trying to effect that reconvention when he addressed Sir Wilfrid Laurier, but so far the answer of the latter to the invitation has not been received.

The Alaskan boundary was the rock upon which the commission split at this last meeting, for it was clearly evident that upon all the other issues, important though they were, there was a reasonable prospect of agreement between the commissioners. However, the rule in such cases is to require the commission to adjust all or none quire the commission to adjust all or none of the questions submitted—they must be regarded as indivisible—so all these other issues went down with the failure of the Alaskan boundary proposition. Now it is the purpose, the boundary matter having been eliminated by the arrangement to submit it to a special commission, to take up again and adjust the same propositions that were under consideration when the joint commission adjusted.

Most important of these are the propositions to amend the freaty of Washington so as to permit the building of warships upon the great lakes, to define the boundaries in the Rainy lake sections; to define the rights of American and Canadian fishermen on the great lakes; to regulate the use of the

great lakes; to regulate the use of the bonding privilege for goods in transit from one part of the country to another crossing part of the territory of the other country. part of the territory of the other country.

Perhaps the proposition in which the State Department is most interested is that relative to lake shipbuilding, and it is hoped that an arrangement can be made by which the United States mayy can profit by the splendid resources of the lake shipbuilders, the probable basis being a strict limitation upon the period of time that newly constructed naval vessels may remain in the lakes after completion, and perhaps a requirement that their guns be placed only after they are in Saltswater. after they are in salt water.

Promotion of Maj. Gorgas. The House committee on military affairs has favorably reported the Senate bill providing for the promotion of Major William

BOAT MARIETTA.

By No Means Certain That Minister | Advices From Chicago Are That the Bowen Will Go to The Hague to Represent Venezuela.

President Castro, through the United States charge at Caracas, Mr. Russell, has presented a request to the Washington government that it permit the United States gunboat Marietta to convey the officers and men who are to man the Venezuelan craft, captured by the blockading fleet, from La Guaira to Trinidad, the war prizes having workers from reaching the colleries. been left at the latter port by the allies. The United States, it is expected, will tender the Marietta for that mission, and the Venezuelan seamen will proceed to Trinidad aboard the American vessel and there re-

the allied fleet. The German government has officially announced to the various governments of the world, including that of the United States, the raising of the blockade at Maracaibo and Puerto Cabello.

ceive their ships from the commander of

## May Not Go to The Hague.

It is not certain that Mr. Herbert W. Bowen, the United States minister to Venezuela, will go to The Hague in connection with the movement to have that tribunal determine whether or not the European allied governments, which maintained a blockade of Venezuelan ports, shall have preferential treatment in the payment of the claims of their citizens against Ven-

ezuela. If Mr. Bowen's pleasure in the matter were consulted the likelihood is that he would participate in the proceedings before. The Hague tribunal, but he is not willing to resign his position as minister to Venezuela for that purpose, and the rules of the State Department prohibit the granting of more than sixty days' leave of absence in any one year to diplomatic officers. The impression also obtains that the State Department is not over anxious for Mr. Bowen to attend, as his presence at The Hague might cause a belief that the United States

is overzealous in behalf of Venezuela. In diplomatic circles and among State Department officials considerable attention is being paid to the provisions of the third set of protocols. The Hague protocols, which will have to do exclusively with the setting in order of the tribunal's cumbersome ma-chinery. This convention, in addition to defining the scope of the arbitration, will also stipulate the number of arbitrators to be selected to whom this important duty will be intrusted. n the allies' protocols article 5 provides in these words for the appearance at the Hague of the peace powers as parties in interest with Vene-

"Any question as to the distribution of the customs revenues so to be assigned and as to the rights of Great Britain, Germany and Italy to a separate settlement of their claims, shall be determined in default of arrangement by the tribunal of The Hague, to which any other power interested may appeal.

### The Protocol With France.

Mr. J. J. Jusserand, the French ambassa dor, called at the State Department this morning and saw Secretary Hay regarding the French protocol, which he is soon to draw up with Mr. Bowen. The ambassador has been given entire liberty in the drafting of this document, and called on Mr. Bowen to announce the fact this afternoon. The two were in conference for some time, and the hope is that the French protocol may be ready for signature within a short time.

The other claimant nations have not yet signified their wishes regarding the agreement which Venezuela will sign with them, but it is the understanding that there testator, namely, Elizabeth G. McKnight, is no probability of a delay. Senor Pulido, the Venezuelan charge, saw

Secretary Hay today regarding a number of minor matters arising out of the settlement of the controversy. He called the Sec-retary's attention to the news from Caracas of the award in the long-pending Rudloff The Italian ambassador, Signor Mayor des Planches, has transmitted, through the Venezuelan charge here, a request to President Castro that Baron Aliotti, now at

#### Trinidad, shall, upon his arrival at Caracas recognized as the Italian charge d'affaires. New British Minister at Caracas.

The British ambassador has been advised by his government of the relief of Minister Haggard at Caracas, and of the appointment as his successor of Mr. Henry Outram Bax-Ironside, who was here until 1897 as second secretary under the late Lord

# retary Hay and Mr. Pulido of the appoint-

The British ambassador has informed Sec-

FOR INJUNCTION AND RECEIVER.

Paving Company Begins Proceedings

Against Commissioners.

The Barber Asphalt Paving Company this afternoon instituted proceedings in equity against the District Commissioners and the treasurer of the United States, in his capacity as ex-officio commissioner of the sinking fund of the District of Columbia, for injunction and the appointment of a receiver.

By the proceeding the Barber Asphalt Paving Company seeks to obtain possession of certain money it claims is due it for laying an asphalt pavement on M street, West Washington. The money is withheld, it is said, because of a difference of opinion regarding who should be held responsible for the making of certain repairs to the missioners and Easter Potomac Telephone 5s, \$1,000 at 105%. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone 5s, \$1,000 at 105%. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone 5s, \$1,000 at 105%. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone 5s, \$1,000 at 129%. Sat 1389, 10 at 139, 10 at 183, ing an asphalt pavement on M street, West Washington. The money is withheld, it is said, because of a difference of opinion regarding who should be held responsible for the making of certain repairs to the

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INCREASE IN CAPITAL.

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New National Bank Adds \$50,000 to Its Stock.

The controller of the currency has granted permission to Robert N. Harper and others, who were recently given authority to establish in this city a new national bank, under the name of the American National Bank to increase the capital stock has been subscribed, and a meeting of the stockholders will be held Saturday afternound of the complete the organization, but it is expected the bank will begin business in about two months. In that interval the building secured will be fitted up and made ready for the uses of the new concern.

PANIC ON FERRY BOAT.

Pierpont's Rudder Chain Broke and She Drifted Ashore.

NEW YORK, February 19.—The ferry boat Pierpont, of the Hamilton Avenue, Brooklyn line went ashore on Governor's Island early today.

The host was making a trip to the stock has been subscribed, and a meeting of the stockholders will be fitted up and made ready for the uses of the new concern.

Brooklyn line went ashore on Governor's Island early today. The boat was making a trip to this city when her rudder chain broke and she drifted ashore.

There were between 800 and 1,000 passen-

gers aboard. For a time they were panic stricken. They also suffered from the intensely cold weather, and it was half an hour before they got off the stranded boat and resumed the trip to New York.

# MAGAZINE EXPLODES.

Ambulances and Physicians Summoned to Fort Lafayette.

NEW YORK, February 19.-t is reported that an explosion has occurred either in Fort Wadsworth or Fort Fafayette, New York harbor. No details of the extent of the explosion have yet been ascertained.

Ambulances and physicians have been bor says that boats were lowered from the Goldsboro after the collision and the crew of the wrecked schooner taken aboard the steamer.

Goldsboro after the collision and the crew of the province of Westerbotten, to be used for the free distribution of seed, of Salvador, succeeding Gen. Regalado, and the sum of \$10,000, of which amount \$5,000 the sum of \$10,000 the sum of \$10,000 the sum of \$10,000 the sum of summoned from Brooklyn.

# PRES. CASTRO'S REQUEST AFFECTS COAL OUTPUT FINANCE

WANTS THE USE OF THE GUN- STORM DELAYS SENDING OF CARS TO THE MINES.

Blizzard Has Spent Its

WILKESBARRE, Pa., February 19 .-

Zero weather continued today, and there

was a further restriction in the output of

coal owing to the blizzard of last night

This delays the sending of cars to the

NEW YORK, February 19.-The cold

wave which followed the snow storm of

the first part of this week brought the

coldest weather New York city has ex-

At 8 o'clock the weather bureau reported

that its thermometer registered a tem-

perature of 2 degrees above zero, the low-

CLEVELAND, February 19.—The official thermometer at the local weather bureau

here registered 5 below zero early today, while instruments down on the street level

in many cases indicated from 6 to 8 be-

Fifty-Two Miles an Hour.

A fifty-two mile an hour gale last night.

combined with the extremely low tempera-

ture, caused much suffering. The railroads

continue to be hampered by the weather

conditions, nearly all through trains be-

ing late. The west-bound Chicago and

ported five hours late today.

for moderating temperature.

of all the Catholic associations.

main unmarried.

them contest this will."

instant, as follows:

not severe.

Boston special on the Lake Shore was re-

CHICAGO, February 19.—The severely cold wave which has held the west and

northwest in its grasp during the past two days is broken, according to reports received today. While cold the weather is

In Chicago this morning the temperature

was 15 above, while Kansas City, Omaha,

Des Moines and other cities reported rises of from 12 to 24 degrees. The forecast was

Pope's Jubilee.

ROME, February 19 .- The pope's jubilee,

or the twenty-fifth anniversary of his elec-

tion, tomorrow, will be ushered in by a

high mass in the basilica, celebrated by

Cardinal Rampolla. Later the pontiff will

receive the cardinals and other dignitaries,

who will present him with a gold tiara, the

jubilee present of the Catholic world, which

cost \$25,000. The Te Deum will be sung in the evening, and there will be a procession

WILL OF COL. BOYD.

Heirs Unite in Agreement to Have It

The will of Col. Robert Boyd, dated Feb-

ruary 16, 1901, was filed this afternoon for

probate. Bequests as follows are made: To

his son, Frank Boyd, his watch and chain,

To his unmarried daughters, Mary E.

In the event of all of them marrying,

Florence Boyd Evans, Mary E. Boyd, Helen Boyd, Alice Boyd and Jane Boyd.

To his sons, Robert E. Boyd and William G. Boyd, \$5 each is left "in lieu of any

share or participation in the disposal of my

each to be declared void should either of

George W. Evans, son-in-law of the testa-

with the will is a statement, dated the 17th

No Meeting Tomorrow.

There will not be a meeting of the Sen-

ate committee on the District of Columbia

Washington Stock Exchange.

10 asked.

10 asked.

Miscellamous Stocks—Greene Con. Copper Co., 23% bid, 24% asked. Washington Market, 16% bid, 23 asked. Norfolk and Washington Steamboat, 210 bid. J. Maury Dove Co., 115 bid.

Baltimore Markets.

New York Cotton Market.

tor, is named executor, without bond. Filed

personal effects mentioned, this bequest to

all his other jewelry and wearing apparel.

Probated.

est recorded since February, 1899.

mines and has prevented many of the

sweeping the snow into huge drifts.

perienced in four years.

Yesterday. Force.

# AN EARLY DECLINE

Effect of Bear Movement of

MARKET RALLIED, HOWEVER, AFTER THE FIRST HOUR.

# Steadied Up, but Another Rush to Sell Was Made, Some Stocks Yielding-

Fairly Firm at Close.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. NEW YORK, February 19 .- The American railway shares in the London market were again heavy, and there were declines of from % to % in that department. Consols for both accounts were off 1/2 per cent. In the local stock market there was a continuation of the bear pressure noticeable in yesterday's late trading, although gold exports are not looked for now on account of the advance in Paris exchange on London, which is expected to, temporarily at least, avert exports of the precious metal

from this side. The shorts, however, were encouraged by their efforts yesterday, and were imbued with the idea today that no important movement would be undertaken by the big interests, in view of the coming three days' holiday; they also argued that the continued interruption to wire communication with the south and west was also in their favor. With the big interests seemingly willing to encourage short selling just now, it was not surprising, therefore, to witness a rather heavy tone at the opening and to

see the traders testing for weak spots in the market.
The initial dealings in almost every in-The initial dealings in almost every instance showed declines of from % to ½. The Gould group of stocks was attacked vigorously, and Missouri Pacific was forced down % per cent, the Wabash issues lost fractionally, and there appeared to be a good deal of liquidation in Pennsylvania, which lest observe the second second control of the second control of the second control of the second second control of the second cont which lost about % per cent. Missouri Pa-cific, however, rallied easily after each selling movement, and received fair support from the insiders. St. Paul lost about % per cent, Union Pacific %, Southern Pacific %, and the coal shares were also fraction-

After the first few minutes of speculation the bears uncovered some stop orders in Metropolitan, which lost nearly 2 per cent, and Brooklyn Rapid Transit and Manhattan lost about ¾ in sympathy with the decline in Metropolitan. In the industrials there was quite a selling movement noticeable in Leather common, but the steel shares and Sugar held fairly well, and although Copper issues were off slightly from yesterday, they still held a pretty good following, who were bullishly inclined.

There appeared to be a willingness to cover short contracts in New York Central, which caused a little improvement in that stock, but the talk on this security con-After the first few minutes of specula-

stock, but the talk on this security con-tinues bearish on uncertainty as to the form its new borrowing would take.

After the first hour the market became

Boyd, Helen Boyd, Alice Boyd and Jane a little less active, but the undertone con tinued weak. Boyd, all furniture and household effects, Sales up to noon were 225,100 shares, and they to hold the same each for the other so the market at that hour was a shade bet-ter, helped by the covering movement in New York Central, which carried that long as they or any one of them remain unmarried. Should any of them marry the stock up 1½ per cent from the early low figures. Some delayed western selling orproperty in question is to remain in the possession of the remaining unmarried ders came in for execution in the early afternoon, but the market at that time child or children so long as she or they rewas inclined to steady up a little, and the

stocks were well absorbed.

Mexican Central acted well and the buying was said to be for interests identified with recent earnings and anticipate a con-tinuance of the good reports. The Traction shares, with the exception of Brooklyn Rapid Transit, were the heaviest as a group, Metropolitan and Manhattan both showing rather sharp declines.
In the active railway shares St. Paul acted the weakest for a time, possibly on account of the western selling, and perhaps

occasioned by the decision yesterday, at Chicago, against the beef trust. Indeed, this decision, showing that the trusts are not invulnerable to a right interpretation of "We the undersigned children and heirs "We the undersigned children and heirs of the late Robert Boyd have read the terms and conditions of this will, and do hereby consent to its probation. Robt. E. Boyd, Wm. G. Boyd, Elizabeth Grace Mc-Knight, Florence B. Evans, Mary Estelle Boyd, Helen Boyd, Alice Boyd, Frank Boyd, Jane Boyd." existing laws, it is thought, has had a good deal to do with the heaviness in the stock market today.

Around 2 o'clock another attack was made on the general list and prices yielded rather easily. Missouri Pacific and copper shares were the weakest on this drive and liquidation of long stock occurred in both of these specialties. There was renewed talk of gold exports, and the general im-

pression appeared to be that there were possibilities of a shipment the latter part of next week unless there is a greater offering of bills. In banking circles, however, the situation looks as though actual exports have al-ready been discounted in the market, and there is no certainty that they may not at happened previously. In the late trading there was a little covering of shorts, which rallied the market slightly. Missouri Pa-

#### cific and Copper both leading with a point As there were really no unfavorable de velopments aside from the Chicago beef trust decision and reiterated rumors of impending gold exports, the market has had decline enough in the past few days to warrant purchases, for a turn at least.

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change and Chicago board of trade.

Amalgamated Copper ...

Am. Car & Foundry ...... Am. Car & Foundry, pfd.

Doard of trade.

Open. High. Low. 3 P.M.

73% 73% 71 72

40% 41 40% 40%

98% 98% 98% 98

51 511 511 502 502

1 98 98 96 96% 96%

131 131 129% 130%

1 20% 120% 118 118

87% 87% 86% 86% 86%

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99% 99% 98% 98% American Smelting...... 51 American Smelting, pfd 98 American Sugar..... 131 Anaconda... Brooklyn Rapid Tran.... 69% Chesapeake & Ohio ...... Chicago & Alton....... Chicago & Alton. pfd..... General Electric ......

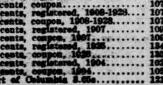
keading, 2d pfd. Republic Steel & Iron... Rubber Goods....

Louis & San Fran..... Louis & S. F., 2d pfd. St Louis Southwestern.
Rt. Louis 8. W., pfd...... Southern Pacific Southern Railway pid Southern Railway pid Tennessee Coal & Iron 

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, Md., February 19.—Flour dull, unchanged; receipts, 2,368 barrels; exports, 24,392 barrels. Wheat dull and easy; spot and February, 80a80½; March, 80½a80½; May, 81a81½; steamer No. 2 red, 75a75½; receipts, 5,013 bushels; exports, none; southern by sample, 73a80½; southern on grade, 75½a80½. Corn firmer; spot and February, 54a04½; March, 52½a83; April, 51¾a52; May, 51a51½; steamer mixed, 51a51½; receipts, 86,127 bushels; exports, 96,482 bushels; southern white and yellow corn, 45a5. Oats quiet; No. 2 white, 42½a52; No. 2 mixed, 61a61½; receipts, 4,528 bushels; exports, none. Rye strong; No. 2, 57a 67½; No. 2 western, 58a58½; receipts, 1,350 bushels; exports, none. Hay firm, unchanged. Butter firm, unchanged; fancy imitation, 20a21; fancy creamery, 27; fancy ladle, 18a19; fancy roll, 17a18; good roll, 16a17; store pached, 15a17. Eggs steady, in fairly good demand at decline; fresh, 17. Choese steady, unchanged; large, 14a14½; medium, 14a 14%; small, 14½a14½. Sugar firm, unchanged; fine and coarse granulated, 4.35½. Wabash, pfd..... Western Union. merican Locomotiva.

831/4 301/4 961/4 Government Bonds.





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